

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Friday, June 19, 2015

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present in person were Chairperson Nowak and Commissioner Huebsch. Commissioner Montgomery participated by telephone.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

6650-CG-243 – Application of Wisconsin Gas, LLC, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct and Place in Service its Germantown-Mequon High Pressure Gas Main Replacement Project in the Village of Germantown, Washington County, and the City of Mequon, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6680-CG-162 – Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and Provide Natural Gas Service in the Village of Doylestown, Columbia County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2000-ER-106 – Application of Florence Utility Commission, Florence County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Authority to Increase Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4220-UR-121 – Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6680-CE-176 – Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Build an Approximately 650 Megawatt Natural Gas-Fueled Power Plant at its Riverside Energy Center Facility in the Town of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

740-WR-102 – Application of Brodhead Water and Light Commission, Green County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3590-WR-105 – Application of the City of Menomonie Water Department, Dunn County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5110-WR-104 – Application of River Falls Municipal Utility, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5-FE-100 – Quadrennial Planning Process II

Follow Up Issue Regarding Allocation of Undesignated Funds

The Commission discussed the allocation of undesignated funds and made the following determinations:

1. Half of the \$2.3 million dollars in undesignated funds shall be used by the Program Administrator to implement a smart thermostat pilot program.
2. The smart thermostat pilot program shall be implemented on a small scale for one year and shall be limited to two utility service areas, one urban and one rural. Commission staff shall closely monitor the pilot program and promptly bring any issues relating to its implementation to the Commission's attention.

3. The second half of the undesignated funds shall be allocated to the existing Residential Portfolio programs with the highest demand. The Program Administrator shall modify the residential program plans to account for this increase in funding.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

3270-UR-119 – Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Freeze Electric and Natural Gas Rates, Subject to Conditions

2014 Fuel Reconciliation

The Commission accepted the 2014 fuel reconciliation application filed on behalf of Madison Gas and Electric Company, as filed, and determined that no refund or surcharge is required.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its decision.

4220-UR-119 – Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Authority to Adjust Electric and Natural Gas Rates

The Commission accepted the 2014 fuel reconciliation application filed on behalf of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW), as filed, including its proposal that no surcharge is warranted despite NSPW's under-collected fuel costs during 2014. The Commission determined that NSPW may write off the deferred balance related to the 2014 fuel cost under-collections.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its decision.

6630-FR-104 – Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Authorization to Implement New Electric Rates According to its 2014 Fuel Cost Plan

The Commission accepted the 2014 fuel reconciliation application filed on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as filed, and determined that no refund or surcharge is required.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its decision.

1-IC-497 – Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Citizens Utility Board to Participate in Docket 4220-UR-121

The Commission modified and approved the request filed on behalf of the Citizens Utility Board, awarding the amount of \$57,485 in intervenor compensation to participate in the rate change application filed on behalf of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin, in docket 4220-UR-121.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

1-IC-498 – Application for Intervenor Compensation filed by Citizens Utility Board to Participate in Docket 6690-UR-124

The Commission modified and approved the request filed on behalf of the Citizens Utility Board, awarding the amount of \$86,916 in intervenor compensation to participate in the rate change application filed on behalf of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, in docket 6690-UR-124.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).

Commissioner Huebsch moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matters listed below. Commissioner Montgomery seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session.

After a discussion in closed session, the Commission reconvened in open session.

FERC Docket Nos. – EL14-34-001, ER14-1242-002, ER14-1242-003, ER14-1243-002, ER14-1243-004, ER14-1243-005, ER14-1724-001, ER14-1724-002, ER14-1725-001, ER14-1725-002, ER14-2176-001, ER14-2176-002, ER14-2180-001, ER14-2180-002, ER14-2860-001, ER14-2862-001, ER14-2952-000, ER14-2952-001 – Protests and Comments on Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., SSR Cost Allocation Order-Related Compliance Filing

The Commission determined that it would file responsive comments with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in the above-entitled dockets. The Commission delegated final review and approval of the comments to the Chief Legal Counsel prior to filing with FERC.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission

DL:00977746